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## CLAIMS

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A method of determining style characteristics from
  2 scanned data, the method comprising:
- 3 identifying characters within the scanned data;
- 4 comparing the characters to a style library containing 5 templates of each style characteristic to determine the style
- 6 characteristics for each character; and

saving the scanned data as processed data containing style characteristics of the scanned data.

- The method of Claim 1, further comprising preparing an information sheet containing the style characteristics of the scanned data and printing the information sheet.
- The method of Claim 1, further comprising setting the style characteristics in a format such that the processed data containing the style characteristics is readable by a word processing program.
- 1 4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the comparison of the 2 characters to a style library includes templates for font size,
- 3 font, font style, effects, or paragraph structure.

- 1 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the comparison of the characters to a style library containing templates is performed 2 in the style characteristic order of font size, font, and font 3 4 style.
- A computer system for processing scanned data, the 1 2 computer system comprising:
- 3 a processor;

a memory, coupled to the processor, storing instructions that are executed by the processor to perform a method of processing the scanned data, the method comprising:

identifying characters within the scanned data;

comparing the characters to templates of each style characteristic to determine style characteristics for each character; and

saving in the memory the scanned data as processed data containing the style characteristics of the scanned data.

- The computer system of Claim 6, further comprising a 1 scanner coupled to the processor and adapted to provide the 2 scanned data. 3
- The computer system of Claim 6, further comprising a 1 printer coupled to the processor, and wherein the method further comprises preparing an information sheet containing the style 3 characteristics of the scanned data, which is printable by the 4

5 printer.

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- The computer system of Claim 6, wherein the method 1 9.
- further comprises setting the style characteristics in a format 2
- such that the processed data containing the style 3
- characteristics is readable by a word processing program. 4
- 10. The computer system of Claim 6, wherein the method for 1 comparing the characters to templates of each style 2 characteristic is performed in the style characteristic order of font size, font, and font style.
  - A machine-readable medium for use in a computer system having a processor for processing scanned data, the medium having instructions that are executed by the processor to perform a method of processing the scanned data, the method comprising:

identifying characters within the scanned data;

- comparing the characters to templates of each style characteristic to determine style characteristics for each 9 character; and
- saving the scanned data as processed data containing the 10 style characteristics of the scanned data. 11
  - The machine-readable medium of Claim 11, wherein the 1 method further comprises preparing an information sheet 2 containing the style characteristics of the scanned data. 3

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- The machine-readable medium of Claim 11, wherein the method further comprises setting the style characteristics in a format such that the processed data containing the style 3 characteristics is readable by a word processing program. 4
- The machine-readable medium of Claim 11, wherein the 1 method further comprises comparing the templates in the style 2 characteristic order of font size, font, and font style. 3